

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 19, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street Suite 200, Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, was present via zoom.

MINUTES: Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. During the last storm the roof at the animal shelter was damaged. We received a check from the insurance company. I spoke to the contractor regarding the progress of the new building. He said they should be able to start moving in about 2 weeks.
2. Will meet this Thursday with Andy Wilson for an update on this year's activities at Riverside Park.
3. Libations by the Levee has been moved until the fall of this year.
4. We met Monday with the Army Corp of Engineers and Fema regarding the levee recertification. We should have a report by Friday.
5. Our next meeting falls on June 2nd, which is Election Day. Pavey asked when Council wanted to meet. It was agreed to meet Monday, June 1st.
6. We were awarded \$250,000.00 by OCRA for the Covid-19 Response Program to aid local businesses. They have chosen a team of 5 to make the selection of those awards. The team consists of the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, Council President, Sara from Ara, Brian Sheehan, and John McCane.
7. There is now a report with anticipated funds that have been set aside for communities to reimburse us for Covid expenses. We have to make sure everything is documented in order to receive this funding.
8. We will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. regarding the Smiley Avenue transfer station and how to make it more efficient.
9. We are beginning conversations to discuss rebidding the next phase of housing.
10. The Rush County Community Foundation applied for a grant and they were one of 17 selected. The grant is from the Lily Foundation. There will be 6 finalists selected from the 17 for the 5 million dollar grant.
11. *Rushville Republican* has been absorbed. They will be joining *The Daily News* from Greensburg, along with Batesville.
12. The Fair Board has cancelled the midway activities for June. They may try to have some type of activities. They are waiting to see what 4-H is doing.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We continue to move forward with our projects.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Discussed.

- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Discussed.
- **ECDC** – They will roll out “Rush Back to Local Businesses”.
- **Cherry Street** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Park – Director Burklow reported that he put out an update yesterday on Facebook. The parks will open May 26th.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that the first week of training for Officer Strobel and the new K-9, Reba, went well. They have 5 more weeks to complete.

He reported that they are not sure of the whereabouts of the Durango ordered at the first of year. They are working with the dealer.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Light Project** – We hope to complete our conversations in June. We have received paperwork from Duke.
2. **Ordinance 2020-8 Downtown Parking Ordinance Schedule Meeting** – Will schedule a meeting tomorrow with Chief Tucker.
3. **Rushville Property Revitalization Program** –
 - **Big O Tire** – June
 - **Henderson Road Farm Sale** – The Board of Works approved the sale to Carl Liggett contingent on specific items being resolved and Newhouse preparing the proper paperwork.
4. **Ordinance 2020-16 Tax Anticipation Warrant** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2020-16. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **City of Rushville Public Giving and Community Improvement Corporation (CRPGCIC) Council Appointments to Board of Directors** – Still in a holding pattern.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Boulders Waiver Russell Brown** – Attorney, Russell Brown requested that the Council approve a waiver of the bonding requirement. Bridges made a motion to approve the waiver of the bonding requirements. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2020-25 TIF and EDIT Expenditure Exchange** – Newhouse is working on this.

TRASH RELATED:

1. **Ordinance 2020-7 Attachment A** – Mayor Pavey stated that per his meeting with Council President Berkemeier attachment A outlines everything clearly. Berkemeier said a person should only be allowed to opt out of the trash fee if the water company disconnects the

water service. Bridges said the utilities and Street Department need to have a paper trail on disconnections.

Heavy trash will be at the discretion of Council.

After lengthy discussion Berkemeier made the following motion: to approve the amended version of attachment A as presented, with noted changes and blending the options together so that there is no deviation for properties with 4 units or less. So that properties with 5 units may continue to operate as is and be charged the fee per totter, or may opt to place only 4 totters at the property and be charged 4 trash fees. If those who opt for 4 totters are not able to manage the trash properly at the discretion of Code Enforcement and or Street Department they will be required to hire a private service and get a dumpster. They will need to make sure that the dumpster complies with all city zoning ordinances and code requirements. This opts them out of being grandfathered in. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried with Gurley opposing the vote...

COVID-19:

1. **Re-Opening Rushville** - Mayor Pavey said we are not pushing to open City Hall until June. The task force meetings are becoming less informative with a little less direction. Our numbers show that we are doing well. We have contacted every industry, which is pretty impressive. People are trying to get innovative to make their business viable.

CLAIMS: Daubenspeck moved to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Pavey asked if Council wished to give the okay to endorse Covid Response Program by OCRA in the amount of \$250,000.00. Bridges moved to endorse the Covid Response Program. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gurley asked Council to review information regarding ball diamonds.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

ELTON MARZON, MEMBER

MIKE DAUPENSPECK, MEMBER

B. AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER